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1. LEANDRO NEUMANN, RECENTLY-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY CENTERS (STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT) OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ZULIA (LUZ) IN MARACAIBO WITH A STUDENT ENROLLMENT OF 35,000, WISHES VISIT US FOR ABOUT 30 DAYS, BEGINNING ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 1. HE EXPECTS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE OR FOUR MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNING BODY. NEUMANN AND COLLEAGUES WOULD LIKE TO OBSERVE US UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT, TECHNICAL EDUCATION, JUNIOR COLLEGES, AND WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS.

2. POST ALSO SUGGESTS THAT TRIP MIGHT HIGHLIGHT INSTITUTIONS WHICH OFFER BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES, PETROLEUM ENGINEERING, AND WHICH MIGHT BE OPEN TO POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE INTERCHANGES BETWEEN THEIR INSTITUTIONS AND LUZ.

3. POST BELIEVES THAT EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO SHOW STUDENT GOVERNMENTS AT WIDE RANGE OF INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING PUBLIC, PRIVATE, ALL SIZES, TRADITIONAL AND EXPERIMENTAL. GEOGRAPHIC VARIETY ALSO USEFUL SINCE NEUMANN HAS SAID THAT HE WISHES TO GAIN GENERAL IMPRESSION OF AMERICAN HIGHER EDUCATION.

4. NEUMANN HAS REQUESTED POST'S ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING BENEFICIAL PROGRAM FOR GROUP, AND GIVEN POTENTIAL OF VISIT, POST WISHES RESPOND. DESPITE DIFFICULTY OF AUGUST DATE.

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WOULD APPRECIATE CABLED INFORMATION OF DEPARTMENT IS ABLE

AND PREPARED TO ELABORATE ITINERARY AND MAKE APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS. POST SUGGESTS THAT SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS AT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (GARY ENGSTRAND AT UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA AND BRIAN REYMOND AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY), OR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICE IN NEW YORK MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE. POST HAS CONTACTED WILLIAM CONNELLAN, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT OF OAKLAND UNIVERSITY IN ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN, AND HE WILLING TO ORGANIZE SEGMENT OF PROGRAM IN MIDWEST.

5. ALL EXPENSES WILL BE COVERED BY NEUMANN AND COLLEAGUES AND THEY WILL HAVE THEIR OWN INTERPRETER. CLEARANCE OBTAINED FOR NEUMANN. NAMES AND CLEARANCES OF ACCOMPANYING PERSONS FOLLOW SOONEST.

6. THIS APPEARS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP VALUABLE RELATIONS WITH INSTITUTION WHICH HAS RESISTED US PROGRAMMING ATTEMPTS IN PAST. ALSO HOLDS POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES OF THIS IMPORTANT REGION OF VENEZUELA (PETROLEUM, IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTION, COAL MINING) AND US COUNTERPARTS. FINALLY POST REALIZES VALUABLE ECONOMIC POTENTIAL IN OFFER OF US ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, PERSONNEL, AND EXPERTISE. FOR ALL OF ABOVE REASONS, WE URGE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE ON PROJECT.
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